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Mr. R. W. Koch

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Dear Mr. Koch:

Attached herewith are Xerox copies of the pages of the OSS Weapons Manual that pertain to the "Liberator" pistol.

If my recollection is correct, you already have a copy of the illustrated instructions that you located elsewhere.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]  
Executive Secretary

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Thank you very much for sending the requested copy of the "liberator" pistol as extracted from the OSS Weapons Handbook. I appreciate it very much.

Yes, I have already obtained one of the original instruction sheets pertaining to the pistol. This instruction sheet will be reproduced and be attached as a pull-out sheet in my book.

Thanks again for your help and cooperation in this project.

Sincerely,  
*R W Koch*  
R W KOCH

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# LIBERATOR PISTOL WEAPON

RESTRICTED

**DESCRIPTION:** The Liberator is a single-shot .45 caliber hand weapon. The operator loads the pistol with a single round by the procedure shown in the accompanying diagram. After the cartridge has been fired it is necessary to push the cartridge case out of the breech by a small stick furnished with the pistol. 10 rounds of standard .45 caliber ball ammunition, which can be carried in the handle of the piece, and a sheet of pictorial instructions are enclosed with the gun in a waterproof carton.

**PURPOSE:** The use of this gun is primarily for distribution in large numbers among patriots. The construction is very simple and inexpensive. The accompanying instruction sheet is in pictorial form and needs no explanatory text or

personal instruction, thus the language and literacy problem is solved. The low accuracy of the pistol and useful range of approximately 25 yards limit it to close-proximity anti-personnel work. Besides its physical use, this weapon, if discovered by the enemy, carries the psychological factor of inducing fear in enemy troops in occupied countries.

Length overall	6"
weight with extra ammo, in handle	1 lb. 7 oz.
packed 1 to a carton with 10 rounds of ammo,	
20 cartons to a case (20 weapons-200 rounds)	
shipping weight of case	50 lbs.
cubage	.5 cu. ft.

## INSTRUCTIONS

PICTORIAL INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED WITH EACH LIBERATOR

